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OF THE GROUP OF 77 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR CONSULTATIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. INTERNATIONAL TRADE

(A) REGULATION OF THE RAW MATERIAL AND COMMODITY MARKET THROUGH INTEGRATED APPROACH

1. AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED NOT LATER THAN THE 4TH SESSION OF UNCTAD ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES WHICH REPRESENT A VERY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF EXPORT EARNINGS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN A HIGHER, REAL AND PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE FINAL CONSUMER PRICE FOR THEIR PRIMARY COMMODITIES. SUCH A PROGRAMME SHOULD

(I) ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL STOCKING AND MARKET INTERVENTION ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPORT PRICES AT REMUNERATIVE AND JUST LEVELS FOR COMMODITIES OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(II) CREATE A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR FINANCING OF STOCKING AND MARKET INTERVENTION ARRANGEMENTS;

(III) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF MULTILATERAL COMMITMENTS ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TO ASSURE RATIONAL GROWTH OF GLOBAL TRADE IN CONDITIONS OF STABILITY;

(IV) SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR COMPENSATORY FINANCING OF EXPORTS
REVEUNE FLUCTUATIONS THROUGH WIDENING AND ENLARGING OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES;

(V) PROMOTE DIVERSIFICATION OF EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(VI) IMPROVE THE SHARE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN TRANSPORT, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THEIR PRIMARY COMMODITIES.

(B) INDEXATION OF THE PRICES OF COMMODITY AND RAW MATERIAL EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE PRICES OF THEIR IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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2. WITHIN AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES, ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE AGREED UPON TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO INSULATE THEM FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INFLATION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND ULTIMATELY, TO CONTRIBUTE TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, A NUMBER OF OPTIONS FOR INDEXATION ARE OPEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WHICH NEED TO BE FURTHER STUDIED AND EXPLORED ON A PRIORITY BASIS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD

SHOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY DIRECT AND INDIRECT INDEXATION SCHEMES WITH A VIEW TO MAKING CONCRETE PROPOSALS BEFORE UNCTAD IV.

(C) ACCESS TO MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR RAW MATERIALS, COMMODITIES, MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLE OF STAND-STILL AS REGARDS IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ANY DEPARTURES

WILL BE MADE THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, SUCH AS CONSULTATIONS, MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE AND COMPENSATION.

2. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS FOR THE REMOVAL ON A PREFERENTIAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY (FOOTNOTE) AND NON-RECIPROCAL BASIS, OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AFFECTING PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THE MEANTIME, GENERALIZED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES SHOULD BE IMPROVED SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AT ZERO RATES OF DUTY AND WITHOUT QUOTAS AND CEILINGS OR ANY OTHER NON-TARIFF BARRIERS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OR WILL BE SHARING THEIR EXISTING TARIFF ADVANTAGES IN SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS THE RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION AND EVENTUAL ENLARGEMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES SHOULD, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, BE GRANTED NEW OPENINGS IN THE MARKETS OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD OFFER THEM EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES THAT AT LEAST COMPENSATE FOR THE SHARING OF THOSE ADVANTAGES. THE GENERALIZED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A PERMANENT FEATURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM AND SHOULD BE APPLIED IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT APPLY COUNTERVAILING DUTIES TO PRODUCTS EXPORTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ANY NEW SET OF RULES ON SUBSIDIES AND ACCEPT THEIR RIGHT TO USE EXPORT INCENTIVES TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THEIR EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

4. RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AND EFFORTS SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO EVOLVE EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF NEGOTIATING A CODE OF CONDUCT.

5. IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN, THROUGH SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO THE ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS OF ALL KINDS TO THE EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON A PREFERENTIAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY (FOOTNOTE) AND NON-RECIPROCAL BASIS, TO THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GSP, AND TO THE GRANTING OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN ALL THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SO AS TO ENSURE NET ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. SPECIAL MEASURES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, TO ASSIST IN THE STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. EMERGENCY MEASURES AS SPELLED OUT IN CHAPTER X OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO MEET THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES AS DEFINED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI), WITHOUT ANY DETRIMENT TO THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE.

II. TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORMS

(A) TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. CONCESSIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED TO BE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS AMELIORATED AND THEIR FLOW MADE MORE AUTOMATIC.

2. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD UNDERTAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT AT AN ACCELERATED PACE THE COMMITMENT TO TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF A MINIMUM NET AMOUNT OF 1 PER CENT OF GNP BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT ALL REVERSE FLOWS INCLUDING INTEREST PAYMENTS,

AMORTIZATION AND PROFIT REMITTANCES. THE ODA TARGET OF A MINIMUM OF 0.7 PER CENT OF GNP NET OF ALL REVERSE FLOWS ON ACCOUNT OF INTEREST AND AMORTIZATION SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY ALL ECONOMICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES BY 1978.

3. AUTOMATIC MECHANISMS FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED THROUGH AGREEMENTS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINK BETWEEN THE SDR AND THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. OTHER POSSIBLE MEASURES SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUCH AS: ROYALTIES FROM OCEAN-BED MINING, ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST FUND BY THE IMF, TAX ON USE OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES, REIMBURSEMENT TO DE-

VELOPING COUNTRIES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF IMPORT DUTIES ON
GOODS ORIGINATING IN THE FORMER, ETC. ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
IN THE APPROPRIATE BODIES IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR ON THESE
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4. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD
ENHANCE THE REAL VALUE AND VOLUME OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND ENSURE THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCREASE
THEIR SHARE IN THE BENEFITS OF PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT, CONSULTANTS
AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES. SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE UNTIED
AND ON SOFTER TERMS.

5. THE BURDEN OF DEBT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS INCREASING TO
A POINT WHERE THEIR EXPORT CAPACITY AS WELL AS RESERVES HAVE COME
UNDER SERIOUS STRAIN. THE UNITED NATIONS SHALL CONVENE A CONFERENCE
OF MAJOR DONOR AND CREDITOR COUNTRIES IN 1976 TO DEVISE
WAYS AND MEANS OF MITIGATING THIS BURDEN, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THE PLIGHT OF THE MOST-SERIOUSLY-AFFECTED COUNTRIES AS DEFINED
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI).

6. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GRANTED INCREASED ACCESS ON FAVOURABLE TERMS TO THE CAPITAL MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

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7. DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD FURTHER CO-OPERATION THROUGH INVESTMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO.

8. ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, SHOULD MAKE ADEQUATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND, SO THAT IT CAN DRAW UP A PROGRAMME OF LENDING WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 1976.

9. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD IMPROVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH A QUASI-TOTALITY OF GRANT ELEMENT FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

10. ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE IBRD AND IMF SHOULD UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF MSAS, IN PROVIDING FLOWS OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO MEET THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS WHICH WILL INCLUDE MEASURES PROVIDED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201 (S-IV) AND 3202 (S-VI) INCLUDING MORATORIUM ON/OR RE-SCHEDULING OF DEBT REPAYMENTS.

(B) REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, SO AS TO MEET THE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. NATIONAL RESERVE CURRENCIES SHOULD BE GRADUALLY PHASED AND REPLACED BY THE CREATION OF A TRULY INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY, LIKE THE SDRS, SO THAT NO COUNTRY CAN INFLUENCE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION THROUGH EXPORT OF ITS DEFICITS OR ANY OTHER MONETARY MEASURES TAKEN UNDER DOMESTIC COMPULSIONS. ALL ACTION WITH REGARD TO GOLD SHOULD CONFORM WITH THIS PRINCIPLE AND WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONALLY CREATED LIQUIDITY AND WITH THAT OF INCREASING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' LIQUIDITY. IN THE MEANTIME, MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MAINTAIN THE REAL VALUE OF THE CURRENCY RESERVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY PREVENTING THEIR EROSION DUE TO INFLATION OF PRICES AND EXCHANGE RATE DEPRECIATION OF RESERVE CURRENCIES.

2. THE PRESENT REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE DECISION-MAKING BODIES OF THE IBRD AND THE IMF SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED AND THE BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

3. THE IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY SHOULD BE LIBERALIZED, INTER ALIA, SO AS TO

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(I) EXPAND ITS COVERAGE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS TO INCLUDE SERVICES;

(II) ENSURE THAT, WHEREEVER POSSIBLE, COMPENSATION FOR EXPORT SHORT-FALLS TAKES PLACE IN ANTICIPATION OF ITS OCCURRENCES;

(III) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MOVEMENTS IN IMPORT PRICES, AND

(IV) LENGTHEN THE REPAYMENT PERIOD.

4. DRAWING UNDER THE BUFFER STOCK FINANCING FACILITY OF THE IMF SHOULD BE ACCORDED TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO FLOATING, ALONG SIDE THE GOLD TRANCHE, SIMILAR TO THAT UNDER THE COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITIES AND THE IMF SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO LEND DIRECTLY TO BUFFER STOCK AGENCIES ORGANIZED EITHER BY PRODUCER-CONSUMER GROUPS OR BY PRODUCER GROUPS ALONE, UNDER SUITABLE GUARANTEES BY INTEREST-ED MEMBERS OF THE IMF.

III. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CO-OPERATE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK.

2. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THEIR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND IN THE CREATION OF SUITABLE INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TARGETS TO BE AGREED UPON.

3. A LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DEVELOPED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ADOPTED NOT LATER THAN THE END OF 1977. NATIONAL PATENTS SYSTEMS AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON PATENTS SHOULD BE REVISED TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD FACILITATE ACCESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON A PREFERENTIAL BASIS, TO "INFORMATIQUE", TO RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGIES SUITED TO THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS AS WELL AS ON NEW USES OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY, NEW DEVELOPMENTS, AND POSSIBILITIES OF ADAPTING THEM TO LOCAL NEEDS.

5. THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE, WITH APPROPRIATE FINANCING, IN ACHIEVING THE ABOVE-STATED OBJECTIVES AND IN ENSURING THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT. THE WORK OF UNCTAD, UNIDO, WIPO AND UNESCO TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER AND DIFFUSION OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE GIVEN URGENT PRIORITY. THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IS WIDELY DISSEMINATED AND READILY AVAILABLE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NEED OF IT.

IV. INDUSTRIALIZATION

1. ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE INDIVIDUALLY AND/OR COLLECTIVELY NECESSARY MEASURES AND DECISIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
2. A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN UNIDO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODIES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIALIZATION, INCLUDING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES EXISTING IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE ERECTION OF NEW INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
3. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LEAST-DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - IN ORDER TO PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS CRITICAL GOODS TO ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND TO PLAY THEIR DUE ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, WARRANTED BY THEIR HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES.

V. RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED TO START THE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS SO AS TO ENABLE IT TO RESPOND MORE ADEQUATELY TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. TO THIS END AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SHOULD BE SET UP AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FOOT: THIS PRINCIPLE IS UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PRESENT OR FUTURE AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND/OR GROUPS OF COUNTRIES. DALE

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